

Hell
Afterlife—Part 2
2 Peter 2:2-3:13
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The word hell appears in the Bible only _____ times.

The word translated hell is _____, which literally means “The Valley of Hinnom,” and refers to an actual, physical valley on the south side of Jerusalem.

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

--Matthew 10:24 NIV

Four very important pieces to the puzzle that help make the picture clear—each of them dealing with the final punishment of unbelievers:

1. _____ of punishment.

“For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the earth. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the earth and enjoy peace and prosperity.”

--Psalm 37: 9-11

“But the wicked will perish: The Lord’s enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish—vanish like smoke.”

--Psalm 37: 28 NIV

“But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off.”

--Psalm 37:38

2. The _____ of punishment.

“The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all.”

--Malachi 4:1 NLT

“Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty.”

--Malachi 4:3 NIV

“See, the LORD is coming with fire, and his swift chariots roar like a whirlwind. He will bring punishment with the fury of his anger and the flaming fire of his hot rebuke. The LORD will punish the world by fire and by his sword. He will judge the earth, and many will be killed by him... they will come to a terrible end.”

--Isaiah 66:15-16 NLT

“all mankind will come and bow down before me... and they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind”

--Isaiah 66:24 NLT

3. _____ of punishment.

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

--Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

“If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

--John 15:6 NIV

So the farmer tells his hired hands, “Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

--Matthew 13:30 NIV

4. Peter’s _____ of punishment.

“They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.”

--2 Peter 2:2-3 NIV

“For God did not spare the ancient world—except for Noah and the seven others in his family. Noah warned the world of God’s righteous judgment. So God protected Noah

when he destroyed the world of ungodly people with a vast flood. Later, God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and turned them into heaps of ashes. He made them an example of what will happen to ungodly people”

--2 Peter 2:5-6 NLT

“The present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the Day of Judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed”

--2 Peter 3:7 NLT

“The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare... That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.”

--2 Peter 3:10 NIV